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THE GREATEST SUPERHERO OF ALL!

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

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HOSTAGE
OF THE
HAWK!



Stan Lee PRESENTS: CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

AMID THE CHAOS AND RUINS OF PICCADILLY CIRCUS, CHIEF INSPECTOR THOMAS SURVEYS THE SWELLING SEA OF SUFFERING WROUGHT BY LORD HAWK, AS THE YOUNG ALTEREGO OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN LEAVES THE SCENE, UNAWARE THAT HE WALKS...

IN THE SHADOW OF THE HAWK!

I WARNED MY SUPERIORS
THAT SUPERHEROES ARE
A MENACE!

BUT THE TOP
BRASS DIDN'T
BELIEVE ME!

AND THIS
IS THE
PRICE!

BUT THE CREEP WHO
CAUSED THIS WILL PAY!

I'LL NOT REST UNTIL
I'VE CAPTURED
CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

THE MAN'S
DAFT TO
BLAME ME!

AS CAPTAIN
BRITAIN, I TRIED
MY BEST TO
STOP LORD
HAWK!

BUT I'LL NEVER
CONVINCE THOMAS
OF THAT!

HE'S BEEN TOO BITTER
AND VENGEFUL SINCE
HIS WIFE WAS KILLED
DURING A SUPERHERO
BATTLE IN AMERICA.

STORY BY G. FRIEDRICH * DIALOGUE BY G. FRIEDRICH & L. LIEBER
ART BY R. WILSON, B. BUDIANSKY, F. KIDA * LETTERS BY J. WATANABE
EDITED BY L. LIEBER

MEANWHILE, IN THE POSH FLAT OF JAMIE BRADDOCK...

DAMAGE FROM THE
INEXPLICABLE AIRBORNE
ATTACK IS CERTAIN TO BE IN THE MILLIONS!

HANG THE
MONEY! WHAT
ABOUT CAPTAIN
BRITAIN?

COULD HE-- OUR
BROTHER-- HAVE
BEEN KILLED?



AND THOUGH CAPTAIN BRITAIN
WAS ON THE SCENE, HE WAS UN-
ABLE TO PREVENT THE ASSAULT!



BUT WAS
HE HURT?
IS HE EVEN
ALIVE?



EASY, BETSY!
THERE'S MORE!

WE HAVE CHIEF IN-
SPECTOR THOMAS STAND-
ING BY TO SHED SOME
LIGHT ON THIS MYSTE-
RIOUS ATTACK!

CAN YOU TELL US
WHO'S RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS TRAGEDY,
SIR?



CAPTAIN BRITAIN!
LIKE EVERY OTHER
SUPERHERO, HE
LEAVES DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION IN
HIS WAKE!

BUT PEOPLE SAW A
CLOAKED FIGURE CONTROL-
LING THE WINGED WEAPON
THAT CAUSED THE DAMAGE!

I KNOW, A NUT,
CALLING HIMSELF
LORD HAWK! THAT'S
MY POINT!



SUPERHEROES AT-
TRACT MADMEN-- BRING
THEM OUT OF THE
WOODWORK!
IF THERE WERE NO
CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THERE'D
BE NO LORD HAWK!



WHAT RUBBISH! BUT AT LEAST WE KNOW BRIAN'S ALIVE--AND FACING A FOE WHO'S MORE THAN HIS MATCH!

SO BIG BROTHER'S OFF TO LEND HIM A HAND!



THEN, HOURS LATER, AS NIGHT ENVELOPS THE CAMPUS OF THAMES UNIVERSITY... --WHERE THEY IRONIC THAT OUR HUNT SHOULD TEACH THE INSANITIES OF OUR TIME--

--AND SPAWN THE POLLUTERS OF TOMORROW!

...WHERE THEY SCOFFED AT MY WARNINGS--AND MOCKED MY APPEARANCE!



WELL, COME MORNING, THEY'LL JEER "OLD HAWK NOSE" NO LONGER!



THE HOMING DEVICE INDICATES CAPTAIN BRITAIN IS WITHIN THAT DWELLING! WHEN IT'S DAY-LIGHT, WE'LL DRAW HIM INTO THE OPEN BY ATTACKING THE UNIVERSITY!

THUS SHALL WE DESTROY TWO SYMBOLS OF THIS UNHOLY AGE!



MEANWHILE, ABOVE THE CRAZED HUMAN PREDATOR...

KNOCK! KNOCK!

WHA--WHO'S THERE?!

JAMIE! LET ME IN, BRIAN!

BLAST! I'VE NO TIME FOR A FAMILY REUNION--NOT WHILE I'M STUDYING THESE PLANS!



NO NEED STALLING! I KNOW YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT LORD HAWK BY YOURSELF! YOU NEED MY HELP!

WRONG, BROTHER--BUT I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO CONVINCE YOU!

SO I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE YOUR WELL-INTENTIONED MEDDLING...

KNOCK! KNOCK!



--THE HARD WAY!

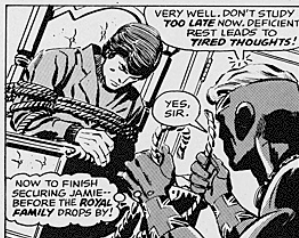
SORRY, BROTHER, BUT I COULDN'T LET YOU RISK YOUR NECK HELPING ME BATTLE LORD HAWK!

BRIAN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MY BOY? I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE FALL!

DR. MACKENZIE! I CAN'T LET HIM CATCH ME LIKE THIS! I MUST GET RID OF HIM!

I--I'M FINE, SIR! I JUST DROPPED SOME BOOKS!

ONE BRADDOCK LIFE ON THE LINE IS QUITE ENOUGH!



VERY WELL. DON'T STUDY TOO LATE NOW. DEFICIENT REST LEADS TO TIRED THOUGHTS!

YES, SIR.

NOW TO FINISH SECURING JAMIE-- BEFORE THE ROYAL FAMILY DROPS BY!



AND SPEAKING OF UNWANTED VISITS... AT SCOTLAND YARD...

YOUR LACK OF JUDGMENT IS ABYSMAL, CHIEF INSPECTOR!

HATE SUPERHEROES TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

BUT NOT WHILE YOU'RE ON DUTY--

--AND NOT IN FRONT OF TV. CAMERAS--



--AND CERTAINLY NOT WHEN THAT MANIACAL LORD HAWK IS MENACING US ALL!

WE NEED CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S HELP--AND SINCE YOU CAN'T SWALLOW THAT FACT-- YOU'RE OFF THE PLEASANTLY DISASTER CASE!

YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM ME!



SLAM!

FIRST I LOST MY WIFE--NOW PERHAPS MY CAREER!

ALL BECAUSE OF THOSE FLAMIN' FREAKS WHO FLOUT THE LAW --SUPERHEROES!

WELL, I'M NOT BACKIN' DOWN! I'LL GET CAPTAIN BRITAIN--WITH OR WITHOUT THE YARD'S BLESSING!

THEN, AS THE LONG NIGHT GIVES WAY TO FATEFUL FIRST LIGHT...

BRIAN! WAKE UP! TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! WHY THE ROPES? C'MON, TALK!



WHA-- MORNING, ALREADY...?

I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP PORING OVER THESE BLUE-PRINTS!

THE HECK WITH YOUR BLUEPRINTS! WHY'D YOU TIE ME UP?



SORRY ABOUT THAT-- BUT YOU WERE SET ON TACKLING LORD HAWK-- AND I HAD NO TIME TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!

I ONLY WANTED TO HELP YOU!

BUT MY ENTHUSIASM HAS WANED! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN! SO YOU NEEDN'T KEEP ME BOUND!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE STREET BELOW...

IT'S TIME TO STRIKE-- TO ATTACK THE UNIVERSITY--



--AND FLUSH CAPTAIN BRITAIN IN-- TO THE OPEN!



THAT EXPLOSION! IT'S EITHER AN ACCIDENT-- OR THE WORK OF LORD HAWK!

IN EITHER CASE, I'LL BE NEEDED!



HEY, WHAT ABOUT THESE ROPES!

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! I'LL RETURN AS SOON AS I CAN!





NEXT:
"ONLY THE STRONG SURVIVE!"



OF VANQUISHED VILLAINS & VALIANT VICTORS!

ITEM! No Bullpen would be complete without a mention or three about Super Spider-Man and the Titans. In No. 222, Spidey continues his bombastic battle with the X-Man called Nightcrawler, and a new adversary enters the fray -- the self-proclaimed vigilante known as The Punisher! Our wall-crawling wonder really has his webs full this time around! Meanwhile, those wondrous warriors of World War II, The Invaders, meet. . .The Golem! Plus more mayhem and madness with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, and The Avengers. (And a Captain Marvel centre-spread by Starlin and Janson thrown in for good measure!) How can any card-carrying True Believer pass this one up?

ITEM! Movin' right along--Whatever you do, don't miss Captain Britain No. 31! Why? Well, why not? But, seriously, the good Captain stars in a little story entitled "In The Shadow Of The Hawk!", and you've never seen so much action and excitement crammed into only seven (count 'em, seven) pages! Plus, the frankly fabulous Fantastic Four have their collective hands full when Sue Richards is abducted by The Monster from the Moors! And of course, let's not forget Nick Fury, Spider-Man and The Human Torch -- all of whom you'll find in exciting action in Captain Britain No.31!

ITEM! Next, we come to the latest ish of our longest running mag, Mighty World of Marvel No. 241. If you haven't been following this book lately, you've been missing a lot of great ginchy stories! For example, The Hulk has been reduced to sub-microscopic size and has been having more terrific adventures than you can shake a green fist at! And, because you demanded it, Jarella is on her way back! Speaking of people coming back, everybody's favourite Man Without Fear, Daredevil, has to work like the devil (Oops! Sorry!) to stop . . .The Owl! Next, in the same issue, Jason and Alexander continue the exploration of the Planet of The Apes, and run into "The Apes of Iron!" And, of course, we have more of Jim Starlin's mind-blowing cosmic adventures of Captain Marvel to thrill and amaze you.

ITEM! Last but not least, we have the newest addition to our litlin' line-up, Fury. If you like wondrous war tales, then this mag is your bag! Sgt. Fury and his Howling Commandos must face "The Fangs of the Fox", while Captain Savage and his Leatherneck Raiders finally rescue Izzy Cohen from the clutches of the Nipponese Nasties! Plus we have a couple of short combat classics to round out the issue. All in all, a battle blockbuster from cover to cover!

ITEM! That's it for now -- see ya in seven!



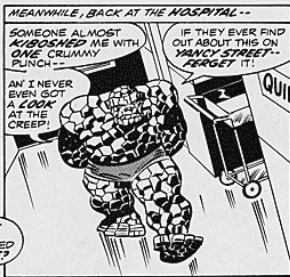
THE MENACE OF THE MONSTER!

SUE RICHARDS HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED! AND JOHNNY STORM HAS SET OUT TO FIND HER AND LEARN THE ANSWERS OF WHY AND BY WHOM?

THERE THEY ARE! I'VE FOUND THEM!

STAN LEE--WRITER/EDITOR
JOHN BUSCEMA--ARTIST
JOE SINNOTT--INKER
JOHN COSTANZA--LETTERER





AND WITHIN THE
PRIVATE TESTING
COMPLEX--

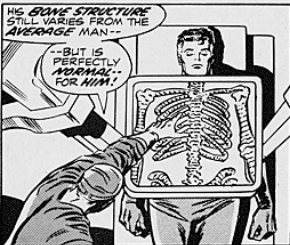
EVERYTHING
CHECKS OUT
PERFECTLY!

HIS **STRETCHING
POWER** IS AS
FANTASTIC
AS EVER!



HIS **BONE STRUCTURE**
STILL VARIES FROM THE
AVERAGE MAN--

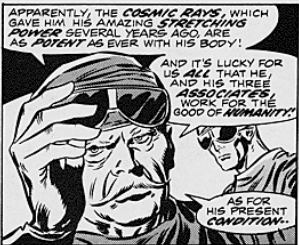
--BUT IS PERFECTLY
NORMAL--
FOR HIM!



APPARENTLY, THE **COSMIC RAYS**, WHICH
GAVE HIM HIS AMAZING **STRETCHING
POWER** SEVERAL YEARS AGO, ARE
AS **POTENT** AS EVER WITH HIS BODY!

AND IT'S LUCKY FOR
US **ALL** THAT HE,
AND HIS THREE
ASSOCIATES,
WORK FOR THE
GOOD OF **HUMANITY**!

AS FOR
HIS PRESENT
CONDITION--



OUR ORIGINAL
DIAGNOSIS WAS
CORRECT!

HE'S SUFFERING FROM
OVERWORK AND
EXTREME EXHAUSTION!

ALL
HE NEEDS
IS REST--
AND
PLENTY OF IT!



BEN! THAT NURSE
WAS RIGHT! THERE
WAS A SUPER-
POWERED--

YEAH,
YEAH! I
KNOW!

AND I GOT
ME A BLASTED
ACHIN' JAW TA
PROVE IT!



BUT, WHAT'S WORSE IS-- HE
MADE OFF WITH SUE!

DON'T WORRY, KID!
SHE CAN TAKE
CARE OF HERSELF!

SHE CAN ALWAYS
TURN INVISIBLE
IF THINGS GET
TOO HAIRY!



BUT, JUST TA PLAY SAFE,
TELL ME WHERE THEY
WENT AND I'LL GO
AFTER 'EM AGAIN!

IF STRETCHD
WAKES UP AN'
FINDS OUT SHE'S
GONE-- LOOK
OUT!



THAT'S JUST IT!
I DON'T KNOW!
I LOST THEM!

THEN WHERE
IN BLAZES
ARE YA GOIN'?

BACK TO HQ!
I'VE GOT AN
IDEA!

WAIT
FER ME,
BLAST IT!
I'M GOIN'
WITCHIA!



WHILE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A DANK,
DESERTED CAVE--



SILENTLY, THE STRANGE, BROODING BEING
PLACES THE SLEEPING GURL UPON THE GROUND!
AND THEN, SECONDS LATER TWO DELICATE,
LONG-LASHED EYELIDS FLICKER OPEN--

SOMEONE--PUT ME
TO SLEEP--AND
THEN BROUGHT
ME--WHERE?

IN THE
SHADOWS--
SOMEONE
MOVING!
SOMEONE
LARGE...





HE MUST BE THE **ONE!**
BUT--HIS **SKIN--**

HE SEEMS
STRANGELY
FAMILIAR!
BUT I CAN'T
REMEMBER!



HE'S
TURNING!
HE HEARD
ME MOVE!

IF I CAN
BECOME
INVISIBLE
FAST
ENOUGH--!

HE'S GO
SILENT! SO
STRANGE-
LOOKING!



HE'S **ALARMED!**
ANGRY! HE
THINKS I'VE
ESCAPED!

IT **WORKED!**
HE'S RACING OUT--
TRYING TO
FIND ME!

I'M LUCKY HE
DIDN'T NOTICE
MY **BONDS!**



I'LL OPEN
THE ROPES
WITH MY
FORCE FIELD!

THERE!
I'M
FREE!



NOW-- IF I CAN JUST
PRY THIS BIG **BOULDER**
AWAY FROM THE MOUTH
OF THE CAVE--!

ONCE I'VE
ESCAPED,
I'LL LEARN
WHO HE IS--
AND WHAT HE'S
AFTER!

WHA--WHAT'S
THAT **NOISE?**
LIKE A GIANT
ROAR!









THE MONSTER'S SECRET!

Tell it to The CAPTAIN!



MIND READER

Dear Bullpen,

Your new comic is a great success (though I suppose it isn't really new any more). Ish 24 looked very promising, strangely enough I think Captain Britain looks better in Black and White!

However, praise doesn't always last, and I think you give too much space to the Fantastic Four. Why not shorten it, and give the extra space to the brilliant C.B. himself?

I agree with L.D. Smith when he says the Origin was very incomplete. Why not put the Reaver back in for four issues and explain a bit more about the Gods.

You made C.B. well worth 10 pence when you put Spider-Man Team-up in it. The story with Thor in was fantastic. Your plane was much better than most giveaways, and I hope more free gifts are coming my way.

Timothy Nelson,
19 Rose Valley,
Brentwood, Essex.

Hey, Tim, are you a mindreader or something? Just after Nebulous Neil and Lar-rupin' Larry were discussing (on the transatlantic hot line) that it would be a good idea if C.B.'s origin was further explored, you come up with the same suggestion. You know what that means, don'tcha? When we return to the Origin of the U.K.'s own Superhero we can say: "Because you demanded it!" And it ain't too far from our minds to bring back the rascally Reaver, either.

QUITE A CHARACTER

Dear Bullpen,

I am writing this letter to express my views on your new mag, Captain Britain. My first reaction to your announcement of a British Superhero was, like many others, YUKKK!! However, I picked up the first issue and I must admit I liked him. His costume is brilliant and Herb Trimpe's artwork was at its best. The story was not original, but still interesting. Brian Braddock and the rest of the supporting cast are poor in comparison to Captain Britain.

As a back-up feature the Fantastic Four seem to be going through a bad patch, both story and art wise. This will, however, straighten itself out before long. Meanwhile Jim Steranko provides the comic with some of the most spectacular panels ever to grace a comic strip.

The Comic was not without its faults, though. The thing that aggravates me most is stupid gifts you give away. Gifts in a comic reflect its image. For example, how am I supposed to explain to people about the serious moral side of comics, when you give away masks and aeroplanes? How can we show American fandom that we are ready to compete with them in the Superhero scene with an image like that. As for Owen McCarron's fun page, please terminate the idea. Print Bullpen photos, reader's artwork, or even Charlie Atlas adverts, only get rid of the fun page.

Currently Big John Buscema draws our hero's adventures and he does it better in black and white than Herb Trimpe did in colour. Gary Friedrich's stories match Buscema's art, well nearly, but don't try to compare Captain Britain to Captain America as our two countries are totally different. Make Captain Britain a more careless and noisy character than Captain America. I wonder what would happen if he were left in the capable hands of say Steve Gerber or Bill Mantlo.

Yours sincerely,

Billy Watson,
12 Jade Walk, Chilton,
Ferryhill, Co. Durham.

The character of Captain Britain (and Brian Braddock, for that matter) is developing all the time, Billy. Recently your blushin' Bullpen took a long, cool look at C.B. and decided that maybe he needed loosening up a little. Perhaps his sense of humour should be developed, and his personal life focused on. In other words, he should become more of a three-dimensional character. That's what we decided, and that's what's going to happen, Billy. So watch C.B. move in the direction you have suggested.

THE TRUTH ABOUT COLOUR

Dear Stan,

What happened to Captain Britain 24? I'm pleased you gave Cap a glossy cover, an extra story, and a new artist, but why did you stop giving Cap that brilliant colour? Remember that advertisement for ish 17 I quote "every week this great new mag will feature in full colour the adventures of Captain Britain. Also in full colour, secret agent action with Nick Fury, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D!"

If you do give us back the colour, I'd be happy to pay 1 or 2 pence extra. Please!

Simon W. Strong,
224, Graham Road,
Hackney, E.8.

It just can't be done, Simon. We'd love to put the colour back in Captain Britain - in fact we'd like to put colour into all our mags - but the economics of colour printing dictate otherwise. Ever noticed the lack of colour in other British Comics, like "Action" or "Warlord"? For them, and for us, colour is simply too expensive, and putting prices up to 12 pence does not provide a long-term solution. Sorry!



SUPER-WET JET PLANE!

Dear Stan,

I liked the Super Jet in Captain Britain 24 very much. I flew it three times, but on the fourth go I accidentally threw it into my Mum's washing machine. My sister pulled it out, and there was my C.B.'s Super Jet all soaked through, so my sister put it somewhere to dry.

Yours sincerely,

John Hibberd,
68 Winchester St., Botley,
Nr. Southampton, Hants.

It may not fly now, John, but at least it's clean!

BULLETIN TO BUSCEMA

Dear John,

Up till now I have thought of Captain Britain as being no more than just a bad joke. Now that you've become resident artist, I've changed my opinion entirely, and all I can say is "great". I'm very happy about C.B. becoming black and white because your work is always at its best when it's black and white, as any reader of the American Savage Sword of Conan knows.

Keep up the good work, Mr. Buscema, and I'll continue to buy C.B.'s mag.

Your devoted fan,

Brent Henshaw,
344 Stoney Stanton Rd.
Coventry, W. Midlands.

We quite agree with you, Brent about Big John's black and white work. His Savage Sword of Conan art has been quite sensational. British Marvel is lucky that Larrupin! Larry (with a little help from Stan the Man) has been able to obtain his services for Captain Britain. Thanks Larry and Stan, but most of all, John!

FIRST TIME LUCKY

Dear Stan 'n' the Gang,

Fantastic! Fabulous! Zowie! Goooooooooovey! These are the words I use to describe your Captain Britain mag. It really is great.

I only decided to buy the first one because the cover looked good and I had a handy 10p. After reading it thoroughly I decided to carry on getting it. I'm glad I did, I thought issues fifteen and twenty-one were done really well.

This is the first time I have written to any Marvel mag. I hope my letter gets printed, because I will be the first of all my Marvel-crazy chums to appear in print.

Chris Girling,
93 Rant Meadow,
Laverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Someone has to be lucky, and this time it was you, hero. Your letter popped out of the sack, and here it is.

A SALUTE FOR THE CAPTAIN

Dear Gary, Herb, Fred and Larry,

Since the first issue of Captain Britain I have been trying to express my appreciation to Marvel for bringing out their first all-British superhero. Well I think I have finally done it.

Captain Britain is (to me, at least) a traditional super-hero, appearing in straightforward, good-guy vs. bad-guy adventures. Each issue, up-to-date, has been a delight from cover to cover, especially the Cap Britain/Cap America team-up.

The stories are pure nostalgia, reminding me of the old Lee/Kirby days of Marvel.

Keep up the good work and lots of luck for the future of Captain Britain.

Graeme Morris, RFO, KOF, QNS,
19 Primrose Hill, Low Fell,
Gateshead, Tyne-Wear.

Thanks Graeme. After a letter such as yours we're gonna feel secure for the whole day! But joshing apart, we're really knocked-out to know that we scored such a hit with you. It was the kind of reaction we were aiming for when we launched Cap B onto the waiting world.

MORE PLEASE!

Dear Stan and the Gang,

Captain B is getting better with each issue! I hope that another British hero is added to Marvel's line-up soon. When you do this I hope you give the superhero a working-class background, in contrast to C.B.'s upper class roots, as I think the average reader, being mainly working-class, could identify better with him or her.

I think a relative of Sir Steel from "Freedom's Five" would be a



good choice as the next British hero. Or even one of Spitfire, the female star of "The Invaders". If possible you could even create a British team called "The British Battalion". Captain Britain could be the leader, Black Knight could be a member and Sir Steel and Spitfire could also be considered for membership, not to mention Union Jack and Silver Squire!

Tim Rogerson,
92 Abbot Rd., Didcot, Oxon.

You're not the first Merry Marvel Madman to hint that the next British Super-hero should never have been within sucking distance of a silver spoon during its infancy. Okay, we read you, Tim. Mind you the class gap is narrowing all the time....

THE MISSING TWENTY

Dear Stan,

I have been an avid fan of Marvel ever since I picked up ish 15 of MWOM, since when I have picked up almost all the British Marvels and lots of American comic books. The gap in my collection is mainly issues 1 - 20 of Spiderman, and I would be willing to pay or swap mags for these editions. Enough of self-pity and on to your uphill battle. This is a battle which I hope for you (and I know, for me) has been totally worth-while. As time goes on you produce more and more issues of Britain's own hero, Captain Britain. You have already brought America's free world symbol, Captain America, into this mag, for a team-up. This is no go. You should have waited till Cap B matured, but what's done is done, and with a shock foe like Red Skull, how can you lose?

Calum Fraser,
Yendor, Dores Rd.
Inverness, Scotland.

There's an army of Marvelites who'd strongly disagree with your statement that Cap America's debut in Cap B's mag was premature. But we know you mean well, Calum. (We also know about that little Marvel club of yours. Hope it prospers).

CAPTAIN BRITAIN MAILBAG
MARVEL COMICS, TUBS HILL HOUSE,
SEVENOAKS, KENT



Stan Lee NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!
PRESENTS: SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

A MYSTERIOUS MAN KNOWN ONLY AS SCORPIO HAS ATTACKED SHIELD'S LAS VEGAS HEADQUARTERS WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF KILLING NICK FURY!

HIS REASONS, FOR NOW, SHALL REMAIN A MYSTERY!

SCORPIO IS WELL-VERSED IN YOUR WAYS, NICHOLAS FURY! YOU'LL NOT FIND ME AS VULNERABLE AS YOUR OTHER ADVERSARIES!

UNDERSTAND?

UNNGG!

THE SIGN OF
SCORPIO!

JIM STERANKO--WRITER/ARTIST
JOE SINNOTT--INKER
SAM ROSEN--LETTERING
STAN LEE--EDITOR



OBSERVE, FOOL! THE BATTLE IS NOT YET LOST! THE STARS HAVE NOT LIED! THEY PREDICTED YOU'D BE AT MY MERCY THIS VERY DAY!

STILL, THOSE GUNSHOTS... EACH INSTANT I REMAIN MAKES MY GETAWAY THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT!

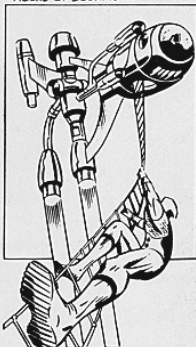


THIS... WILL KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL I HAVE REACHED MY SHIP... THEN...

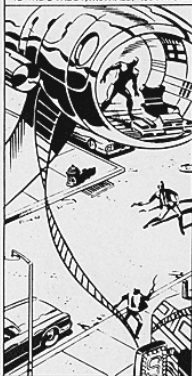
I WILL DESTROY THIS BUILDING AND ALL IN IT!



THEN, MOMENTS LATER, AN AWESOME AERIAL CRAFT STREAMS DOWN FROM THE SKY LIKE SOME MAN-MADE SHOOTING STAR, AND ENVELOPS THE FIGURE OF SCORPIO...



TO BE FOLLOWED, MOMENTS LATER, BY ANOTHER WHO SIMPLY SEEMS TO ENJOY DEADLY PURSUIT... THEN, ONE OF THE GUNMEN CRUMPLES TO THE STREET, MORTALLY WOUNDED...



AND, WITH HIS FINAL BREATH, GANGLAND KILLER MITCH HACKETT SQUEEZES OFF THE LAST SHOT IN HIS BRUTAL LIFESTYLE OF CRIME... SHOT WHICH HITS AND PENETRATES A VITAL SPOT IN THE AIRCRAFT'S ENGINES...



NICK... YOU'RE HURT! I... I SAW WHAT HAPPENED... LIKE COMING OUT OF A FOG!



I'LL LIVE, VAL!

QUICK, OUTSIDE! ...GUNSHOTS... SCORPIO'S GETTIN' AWAY!

BUT, AS THE SHIELD AGENTS PEER SKYWARD, THE ESCAPE SHIP PLUNGES TOWARD EARTH... FILLING THE HEAVENS WITH BLOWING CLOUDS OF BLACK DEATH... AND FLOWING THE DESERT FLOOR WITH A NERVE-SEARING EXPLOSION...

IT...IT WAS HIS... SCORPIO'S SHIP... SOMEHOW IT MUST HAVE GONE OUT OF CONTROL! NICK, NO ONE COULD LIVE THRU THAT!

WE'LL STILL HAVE TO TRY AN' PIECE TO-GETHER WHAT HAPPENED!

HERE... TAKE THIS COAT, I'LL GET MY CAR AND WE'LL GET THAT ARM TAKEN CARE OF!

YOU KNOW THERE'S ONE THING WE MAY NEVER KNOW!

WHAT'S THAT?

WHO WAS SCORPIO?

AND, AS VAL LEAVES, SHE PASSES A NEARBY PHONE BOOTH...

AN' CAN I HAVE A TRICYCLE, MOMMY?

SURE, BUTTIN'! A BIG RED ONE, JUST LIKE DADDY PROMISED!

DADDY COME HOME?

YES, TIMMY! DADDY WILL BE HOME SOON! HOME TO STAY!

*COMIC FLIP MASON HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN IN CAPT. BRITAIN # 29-31.



YES, FUNNYMAN FLIP MASON FINALLY PAID HIS DUES... ALL, THAT IS, *EXCEPT...*





Stan Lee presents

CAPTAIN
BRITAIN'S

FUN PAGE

COVER QUIZ

DIG OUT 15H NO. 27 COMPARE IT WITH THE COVER BELOW AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE MISSING BITS AND PIECES



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MARVEL'S *FEATHERED* FIENDS and FRIENDS

THESE MIGHTY MARVEL CHARACTERS HAVE TAKEN ON THE NAMES OF BIRDS. CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THEM?

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| 1. RODL WAKH | 5. GLEEA |
| 2. EUULVTR | 6. DONROC |
| 3. ONALFC | 7. TANKWGIHH |
| 4. LOW | 8. DALY RAKL |



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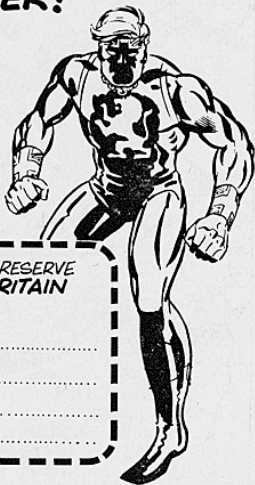
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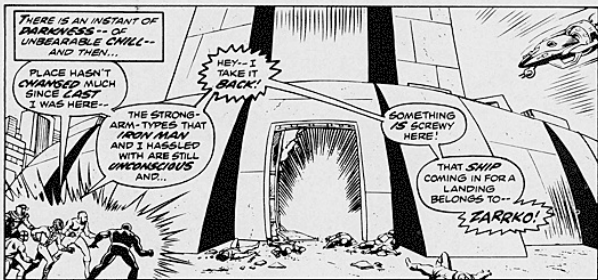
Stan Lee PRESENTS: **SPIDEY** AND THE **INHUMANS** TOGETHER!™

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO JUST TUNED IN: ASSEMBLED BEFORE YOU ARE FIVE INHUMANS AND ONE SPIDER-MAN. TOGETHER THEY MUST JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE AND DEFEAT ZARRKO THE TOMORROW MAN AND KANG THE CONQUEROR, OR ELSE ALL OF EARTH'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE SHALL BE FOREVER RULED BY--

THE TYRANNY OF THE TOMORROW MEN!



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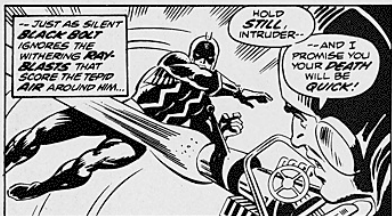
BUT PRACTICAL THOUGH THE WEB-SLINGER'S SUGGESTION MAY BE--



-- THOSE WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED HIM THRU THE CENTURIES CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT--



-- JUST AS SILENT BLACK BOLT IGNORES THE WITHERING RAY-BLASTS THAT SCORE THE TEPID AIR AROUND HIM...



-- AND I PROMISE YOU YOUR DEATH WILL BE QUICK!

BUT IF THE MONARCH OF THE INHUMANS HEARS THE SARCASTIC COMMAND, HE DEIGNS NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT--



-- SAVE TO FLY EVER-MORE INTRIGATE PATTERNS ABOUT THOSE WHO PURSUE HIM--

AERIAL MANOEUVRES THEIR SMALL SKY-SKIMMING SLEDS CANNOT HOPE TO DUPLICATE!





WHILE, SEVERAL FEET
SKYWARD...

FOR A GUY WHO
DOESN'T SAY
MUCH, BOLTSY--
YOU SURE DO
GET THINGS
DONE!

AFRAID YOUR
FRIENDLY, NEIGHBOUR-
HOOD WEB-SLINGER
HAS TO STRUGGLE
ALONG IN A FAR MORE
PEDESTRIAN
FASHION!

THIS IS
PEDESTRIAN?

NYANH
NYANH
NA NYANH
NA! HEY,
MEATBALLS--
YER SISTER
PLAYS THE
TUBA!

I WOULD
HAVE SAID "YER
MOTHER WEARS
COMBAT BOOTS"--

-- BUT, IN YOUR
CASE, IT'S PROBABLY
A COMPLIMENT!





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